

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the application in view of the foregoing amendments and following remarks. Claim 20 has been amended as discussed below; and Claims 4-8 and 14 have been amended to correct inconsistencies. The amendments to claims 4-8 and 14 do not affect the scope of the respective claims. Claims 1-30 are currently pending in this application.

In a Restriction Requirement dated October 12, 2005, the Examiner restricted claims 1-30 into two groups. Applicant respectfully traverses this requirement. Claim 20 has been amended to recite a bent axis pump/motor. In a telephone interview with the undersigned representative conducted on November 14, 2005, applicant understands the Examiner to have indicated that the amendment to claim 20 would place claims 20-22 in condition to be searched and examined with the claims of Group I. Accordingly, applicant hereby elects group I for examination, and thanks the Examiner for his consideration in conducting the telephone interview.

If questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,
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